

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 6, 2010 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chair
Linda Joseph, Co-Vice Chair
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Melinda Myers, Secretary and Clerk to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Pace at 9:09 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

1. Introduction to Trinidad State Junior College Staff cancelled.

Joseph moved to approve the agenda as amended. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of November 16, 2010.

Joseph moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2010. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **CTSI** sent a letter inviting Elected Officials to a Seminar on Friday, January 14, 2011. Please contact Patti at 303-861-0507 to register by December 20, 2010. (11/17/10)
2. **Town of Crestone** sent the completed report for the Title III grant that was awarded in July 2009. (11/17/10)
3. **La Gente** sent a letter asking for the County to adopt a family and give Christmas to families less fortunate. They will plan gift pickup on December 13, 2010. (11/17/10)
4. **Darrell Dearborn** sent an email to Co-Administrator Maez concerning the Saguache County Landfill Compliance Advisory. (11/17/10)
5. **State of Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent a letter on the reported violation for the Center Sanitation District on their Discharge Monitoring Permit; CDPS Permit # COG600424. (11/19/10)
6. **Colorado Dept. of Public Health** sent the 2009-2010 Report for the Public on the Air Quality Control Commission. (11/19/10)
7. **US Dept. of Interior** sent the Notice of Addendum No. 3 concerning a Notice of Competitive Lease Sale – Oil and Gas and Geothermal. (11/14/10)
8. **Alamosa County** sent a letter in regards to the Alamosa County Veteran's Service Office, Frank Muniz- Service Officer requesting the 2011 funding. (11/22/10)

9. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the November 2010 Ground Water Table Measurements. (11/22/10)
10. **Daniel Johnson** brought in the November 2010 report for the Saguache County Fire Mitigation Program. (11/29/10)
11. **State of Colorado Division of Wildlife** sent a letter regarding Fishing, Motorboats and Shooting Range Project Grants. (11/29/10)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Bell Lakish – Crestone Eagle; Evan Samora – Housing; Allen Jones; Andrew Archuleta & Lisa Van Amburg – USFS/BLM; and Ed Nielsen.

Commissioners Reports:

Sam Pace reported:

- Nov 16 – Attended the Saguache County Prevention Partners meeting
- Nov 17 - Attended South Central Community Seniors meeting
- Nov 29&30 – Attended Colorado Counties Inc. Annual Winter Conference.
- Dec 3 – Attended the State Board of Human Services meeting.

Linda Joseph reported:

- November 16 - Attended the Villa Grove Area Merchants Assoc. dinner hosted at the Saguache Community Bldg, by Saguache folks.
- November 17 Attended the Gunnison Sage Grouse Strategic Conservation Committee meeting in Gunnison, along with Elinor Laurie.
- November 18 - Attended the SLV Philanthropy Days steering committee meeting, hosted at the Saguache Community Center. Saguache was selected as the location for the 2011 SLV Rural Philanthropy Days events.
- Attended the Baca Wildlife Refuge Open House. All Refuge personnel attended and were available for consultation and discussion. Checked in with both Ron Garcia and Mike Blenden, both of whom encouraged us to consider the Cooperating Agency role, not as an obligation, but an opportunity.
- November 22 - Received a call from Art Hutchinson, wanting to let us know that he has some funds to put a toilet at the Liberty Gate area, and would appreciate our thoughts on sighting it.
- November 29 / December 1 - Attended the Colorado Counties, Annual Winter conference

Mike Spearman reported:

- Nov 20 – Attended a meeting on the Valley Power Authority.
- Nov 18 – Attended the Regional Energy meeting in Alamosa.
- Nov 20 – Met with Rio Grande Headwater Trust about the La Garita Creek Ranch.
- Nov 29 / Dec 1 - Attended the Colorado Counties, Annual Winter conference

Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer – Co-administrator report:

Joseph moved to accept the IGA to join the County Health Pool with Colorado Counties Inc. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Contract for Insurance

- Co-Administrator Zimmer will be meeting with the Auditors on policy recommendations.
- Administration has been holding interviews for Housing Director, and will set up Board time to interview the top three applicants on Dec 16 at 10:00am.

Pace moved to convene as the Housing Board at 10:00 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Evan Samora gave update of state of the Housing Department.

Pace moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 10:26 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

- The Swearing in Ceremony for the newly elected officials will January 11, 2010 8:45am.
- County Christmas party on Thursday, December 16.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

Joseph moved to approve the Lot Line adjustment for Robert K and Betty C Rosette/Maebelle Templeton for Tract 60 and Lots 1 30-48N -5E. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Robert K. and Betty C. Rosette/Maebelle Templeton, Lot Line Adjustment request for the line between Tract 60 and Lot 1, 30-48N-5E. This request is to move the lot line over to line up with the existing fence line.
- Maez has received a letter from William Cumby and he would like to have his request reviewed again with Attorney Ben Gibbons in attendance. At the time of the discussion of his request Attorney Gibbons was busy with the Clerk's office and DSS and was not in the room for the entire discussion. The Board declined to review his request a second time unless he has brought documentation of neighbor's consent.
- Received a letter for Adam Greene from SolarReserve on locations to simulate night light pollution, Maez suggested adding the towns of Center, Moffat, Saguache and the Sand Dunes Park.

Ben Gibbons - County Attorney Report:

- On December 7 there will be a status conference before Judge Kenhold on the Hollenbeck case. If it goes to court ordered mediation there will probably be a cost.
- Received an email from a lawyer for Ken Williams, to have Williams reinstated as an Alternate on the Planning Commission. Commissioners discussed this request from Mr. Williams Attorney with Attorney Gibbons. Attorney Gibbons will send Mr. Williams' attorney a letter explaining that Mr. Gibbons was in error of advisement of what could be done in executive session and the Board has agreed to allow Mr. Williams to finish out his alternate term on the Saguache County Planning Commission

- CORA request policies, Gibbons will draft one up for the Board to review at next meeting.

Randal Arredondo - Road & Bridge and Landfill Report:

- Applied for a grant through CCI to rehab the bridge on Co. Rd. 48X.
- Having problems with cold weather start up on the Crusher and have ordered a heater to help start the crusher in the mornings.
- Started hauling gravel.
- Will start on the demolition on the Head Start building in Center. The asbestos has been removed and they will pay the landfill fees.
- Scrap metal is going for \$210/ton with Simms Metal and Coors is buying glass, Arredondo will check into it.

Daniel Johnson - 2010 Firewise Mitigation Grant update:

- Johnson outlined all the work done in the County to reduce the fire danger on property adjacent to public lands.
- Administration will advertise Mr. Johnson's Title III funding request for 2011.

Andrew Archuleta - USFS/BLM month discussion

- Thanked the Board for the Scenic Byway Sales Tax Grant
- The RAC meeting went well, members worked together and many proposals were funded. March 9, 2011 will be the next meeting.

Projects funded:

1. Marshall Pass culvert replacement
2. Kerber Creek Restoration
3. Pilot Watershed Health Monitoring Project
4. Campground Solar Well Project
5. Storm King Campground Rehab Project in partnership with the County.

Partially funded projects:

1. Saguache Ranger District Public Toilets
 2. Southwest Conservation Corps Trail Crew
- After the RAC Committee approves funding, the USFS then signs off and the funds are released.
 - Camino Chamisa new route has been established and Archuleta suggested the Board and Arredondo should walk it; it goes through some rough terrain and will be a challenge to build.
 - Missing person up North Crestone Campground, Search and Rescue has been activated along with the SO.
 - Notice of available leases for geothermal projects on BLM, Archuleta will report back next time.

Lisa Van Amburg - USFS Grazing Study:

- Researching the grazing effects on Public Lands: presented the findings document. Western Watershed Project commented on the South Saguache Environmental Assessment and has now appealed the decision to allow grazing. The Regional Review

team will decide if the objection points have merit or if the decision to go forward with the grazing permits. The Western Watershed Project could start a lawsuit that could cause a moratorium on grazing on public lands and greatly impact the local Saguache County ranches.

Adjourned for Lunch and at 12:10 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:10 P. M.

Melinda Myers - Liquor License renewal –

Joseph moved to approve the Liquor License renewal for Old Cow Town. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Old Cow Town liquor license renewal, no adverse comments or complaints were received.

Joseph moved to approve the Liquor License renewal for Mountain Valley Liquor License Renewal. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Mountain Valley liquor license renewal, no adverse comments or complaints were received.

Bill Paying

Joseph moved to convene the Public Hearing for Tessera Solar's 1041 Permit request in the Courtroom at 2:02 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Nancy Lauro – from Russell Engineering – County Consultant opened the public hearing for Saguache County

Presented for Tessera Solar North America

Richard Knox – Tessera Solar North America

Randy Etheridge – Engineer for Tessera Solar North America

Carolyn Dunmire – Ecosphere Environmental Services

Timothy Casey – HDR Engineering – Sound Study Engineer for Tessera Solar North America

Matthew Jones – Mestre Greve – County Sound Study Engineer presented his review of the sound study.

After the presentation, questions from the audience to the presenters were allowed and comments were taken from the public. During the discussion between the sound consultants, Tessera requested the hearing be continued.

Joseph made a motion to continue the public hearing in order to collect more information from the applicant and finish with questions and public comment. Spearman seconded the motion. Vote all was all Ayes.

Joseph moved to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved December 14, 2010

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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